

April 23, 2005

Mr. James O. McReynolds  
Administrator, County of York  
224 Ballard Street  
Yorktown, VA 23690

Re: Tourism Opportunity

Dear Mac:

On behalf of the Tall Ship Committee of the Yorktown Foundation, I want to solicit your support for a rare opportunity this summer as we re-connect Yorktown to the sea through the opening of Riverwalk Landing and its dock.

The H.M.S. Bounty (built in 1960 for the movie and sister ship of the Rose) was under contract with Disney this year and booked for the next two years; however, it suddenly became available when Disney finished filming early. We have been exchanging facilities information and have a verbal commitment for the Bounty to come to Yorktown for about five days over Labor Day weekend. They have an educational program for the public and several opportunities for sponsors.

This 169 ft. replica of the square riggers that anchored at Yorktown in the 1700's is well beyond our wildest dreams because it's usually only the larger ports that can attract such ships and pay the fee. The Bounty requires a \$20K commitment. We propose to raise \$10K through tickets sales and sponsor parties, and request a matching gift from the tourism fund of York County.

Can you envision listening to the Virginia Symphony with the Bounty in the background at dock! It gives me goose bumps. Where else but Riverwalk Landing!

Sincerely,

Gary Freeman  
Co-Chairman, Tall Ship Committee

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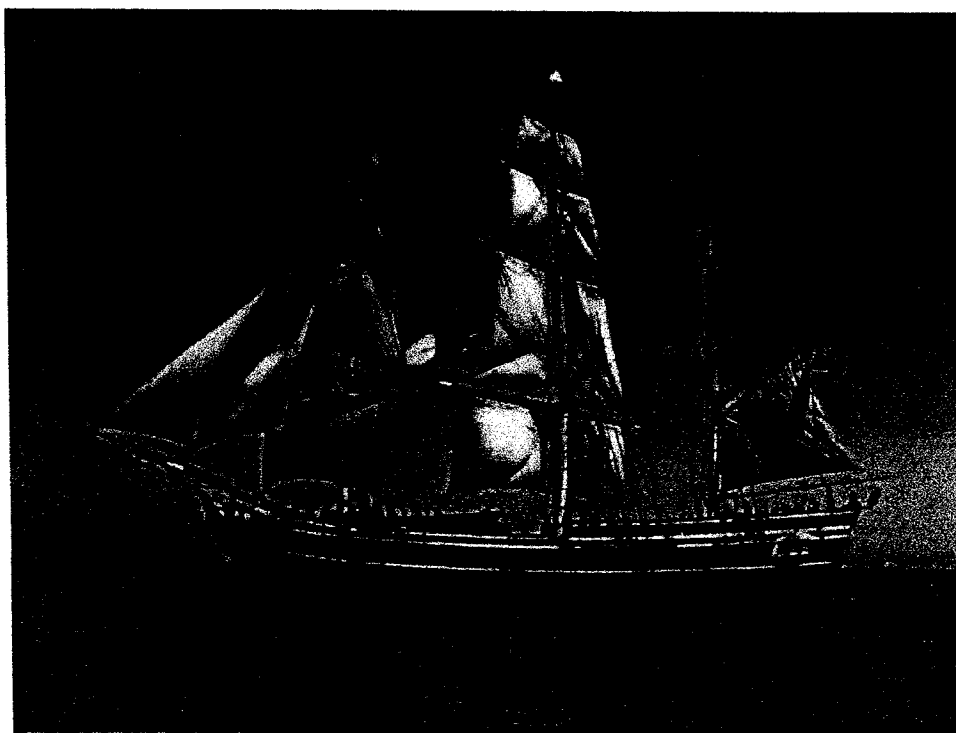
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## *The H.M.S. Bounty*

One of the last full-rigged ships still sailing, the *Bounty* echoes back to an age when majestic tall ships manned by hardy souls explored the world's oceans.



*A conference will be held for the Bounty/Pitcairn Island in June of 2005. Anyone who is interested should click [here](#) for more information!*



*The Bounty will embark on a special voyage during next year, click 2006 above to see her planned voyage.*

## TODAY'S BOUNTY: MOVIE STAR TURNED TEACHER

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The Bounty was built in 1960 for MGM studios' *Mutiny on the Bounty* with Marlon Brando. Since then, the new Bounty has starred in several feature-length films and dozens of TV shows and historical documentaries.

The studios commissioned the ship from the shipwrights of Smith and Ruhland in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia to commission a new Bounty to be built from scratch. Completely seaworthy and built just the way it would have been 200 years before, the new Bounty was constructed from the original ship's drawings still on file in the British admiralty archives.

After filming and a worldwide promotional tour, MGM berthed the ship in St. Petersburg as a permanent tourist attraction - where she stayed until the mid-1980s. In 1986 Ted Turner acquired the MGM film library and the Bounty with it. He used it to promote his enterprises, and filmed *Treasure Island* with Charlton Heston in 1989.



In 1993, Turner donated the ship to the Fall River Chamber Foundation, which established the Tall Ship Bounty Foundation to operate the ship as an educational venture.

**In February of 2001 the H.M.S. Bounty was purchased from the Foundation by the Tall Ship Bounty Organization LLC. The Bounty is being prepared to be sailed to Booth Bay Maine where it will be dry docked for a period of three months to have repairs done to the hull portion of the ship. We will keep you updated on her progress through photos on a monthly basis. Please keep checking the web site for these updates.**

The Tall Ship Bounty Organization LLC is dedicated to keeping the ship sailing and using her as a vehicle for teaching the nearly lost arts of square rigged sailing and seamanship.

The Organization operates a variety of programs on board including sail training programs for the general public, group leadership and teamwork training, a Sail Away Summer Camp program, and dockside educational programs for elementary and secondary school children.

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## HMS Bounty arrives

July 15, 2005

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Chuck Beckley/Freedom ENC  
The 118-foot long, three-mast HMS Bounty has tied up at the state port in Morehead City and will be open for public tours through Sunday.

**MOREHEAD CITY** - The mutiny of the original ship's crew made the HMS Bounty a famed one but it is the ship itself that is the center of attention as its reproduction travels from port to port welcoming visitors to its decks.

The original Bounty was burned after the mutiny of 1789, but a reproduction of the ship, which was built for the 1962 film "Mutiny on the Bounty," continues to sail today with a mission of education.

Capt. Robin Walbridge said the tall ship's stop in Morehead City is an opportunity to give residents of the area a unique peek at the maritime past.

"The whole thing is education. We open up the ship to people who may not get a chance to see a ship like this (otherwise)," he said.

Today through Sunday, public tours will provide visitors to the ship with a first-hand look at a one of only two known full-rigged wood ships. And with the exception of additional length to make room for the movement of cameras during the movie's filming, the ship is true to the original.

Its rope davits and 10,000 square feet of canvas on the three square-rigged masts take you back to the early days of navigating the seas.

"She's a beautiful ship. There's something about the vessel that captures your imagination," said North Carolina Maritime Museum Director David Nateman, who got his first face-to-face look at the ship as it docked at the state port.

The Bounty visit is being hosted by the North Carolina Maritime Museum and is a preview of next summer's Pepsi Americas' Sail, a maritime extravaganza that will bring tall ships from around the world to Carteret County.

"We want to build interest (in the 2006 even) and give this area an identity as a tall ship destination," said Doug Doubleday, one of the local organizers for the Pepsi Americas' Sail event.

The HMS Bounty won't be able to make a return trip to Carteret County next summer for the Americas' Sail, but Walbridge is equally excited over its summer 2006 plans—a trip up the Mississippi River.

"We're going to take (the Bounty) where tall ships shouldn't go," he said, acknowledging the difficult logistics that will be involved in making that trip happen.

The Bounty draws 13 feet of water and the Mississippi has nine feet, which means floating the ship up the river by barge.

But that's what the Bounty is all about, Walbridge said.

"We take the ship to places where people haven't seen a boat like this."

Along with its voyages from port to port for tours, the Bounty has become well known in Hollywood. It has been featured in films, television programs and historical documentaries.

Visitors are invited to board and tour the HMS Bounty at the Morehead City Port from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and Sunday

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and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$5 and must be purchased at the N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort or at City Park on 10th Street in Morehead City.

Tickets will not be available at the port.

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